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George Dabling was a blacksmith by trade and his wife, Esther, was known as an excellent cook and a thrifty and prudent housekeeper. They were called to serve a mission in Arizona in 1876 and they lived in a United Order Colony there. Mr. Dabling served as a blacksmith and butcher and Mrs. Dabling supervised work in the kitchen and served also as midwife. They were released from this mission in 1877. They returned to Wasatch County, settling in Wallsburg.

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After the death of her husband, Mrs. Dabling made her home with her only son, George A. C. Dabling, and his family. He had married Ada Glenn, July 3, 1882, in Wallsburg. They had ten children. The family moved from Wallsburg to Provo in 1909.

Mrs. Dabling lived the remainder of her life with her son's family, settling at Lund, Idaho, on a farm. She was well loved by all who knew her; a small woman, very neat and proper. Although she lived to be nearly 90 years old, her hair never turned gray. She died December 5, 1912, and is buried in the cemetery at Lund, Idaho.

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Elijah DAVIS

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HUSBAND'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

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## WIFE

Susan Molinda WALL

(Midwife)

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John, Nettie, Willard, Lenn, Lula, Nellie  
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HUSBAND'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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WIFE'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

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William Luce DAVIS  
Roselie WALL

WILLIAM LUCE DAVIS JR.  
AND ROSELIE WALL

William Luce Davis Jr. was born December 23, 1852, at Springville, Utah, son of William Luce Davis Sr. and America Jane Overland. He married Roselie Wall, daughter of William Madison and Emma Ford Wall, on July 12, 1876. He died September 27, 1928, and Roselie died April 2, 1938.

William Luce was a watermaster in Wallsburg for many years. He walked about eight miles daily for \$1 per day. He also had a shingle mill, and made many shingles.

BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS



Although he never had a lesson in his life, he played the violin very well and played for many dances and other entertainments. He was a farmer and a very kind and gentle man.

Roselie was a wonderful woman, too, working with the sick and always ready to help the needy. She was president of the Relief Society many years and worked in other organizations. They reared a large, fine family.

The children were: William Raymond, May, Jane, Mary, Daisy, Hugh, Alice, Vern, Charles, Bessie and Ernest.

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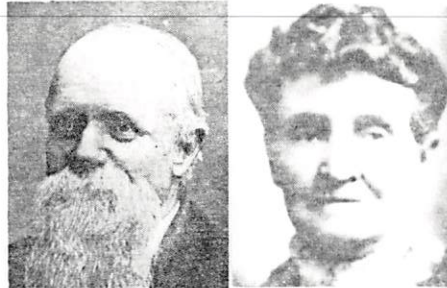
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## JOHN DUKE AND MARY JONES DUKE



John Duke was born November 19, 1834, at Albany, New York, son of Jonathan Oldham and Mary Stone Duke. He married Martha V. Young on March 31, 1857, and on April 6, 1857, married Mary Jones. Mary was born January 11, 1840, in Pennsville, Ohio. She was the daughter of Elisha and Margaret Talbot Jones. John Duke died November 3, 1919. Mary died September 2, 1927.

John Duke saw Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum quite often and remembered the cruel assassination on the 27th of June, 1844, in Carthage Jail. At the time Joseph and Hyrum were killed he and his brother Robert were playing by a creek which ran through Nauvoo and the water seemed to turn red like blood. John remembered when the quails came and settled on the tents and wagons, so that the people could catch them with their hands. The people acknowledged the hand of God in the sending of the quails, as they were hungry. This is when they were on the banks of the Mississippi River, with no way to get across. In the spring of 1850 they started for Utah in the James Pac's Independent Co. They saw many buffalo and a few were killed for food. He assisted in making roads into the canyons, where poles were obtained to build fences. He took up land which he later gave for the city cemetery and stone quarry, for the use of the community. He and his brothers, Robert and James, were pioneer brickmakers in Heber. They operated a brick yard north of town many years. John was a ward teacher many years. In 1877 he became first counselor to Bishop Clegg of

*Mary Jones Duke  
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competent in caring for the sick and assisting in case of death. Mary was a counselor to Ann Murdock on the Stake Primary Board. She also worked in the stake Mutual and was a Relief Society teacher for many years.

John and Mary were parents of the following 12 children: Mrs. Thomas Murdock, Margaret, Elizabeth, Jonathan O., Elisha Jones, Mrs. Thomas H. (Julia) Crook, Mrs. Harmon (May) Cummings, Olive, Mrs. Gabriel (Stella) Nicol, Mrs. William (Sylvia) Buckley, Mrs. Matt (Hannah) Clements.

John and Martha were parents of the following 10 children: Mrs. Charles (Rhoda) Moulton, John Jr., Sarah, Alfred, Mrs. Bert (Annie) Murch, Louise, Joseph, Wesley Van, and two others who died in infancy.

## MARTHA VAN YOUNG DUKE



Martha Van Young was born February 8, 1842, in Tennessee. Her parents were

Adolphia Young and Rhoda D. Jared Young. They were married in Tennessee on July 26, 1836.

Martha was married to John Duke on March 28, 1857. Their children were: John Jr., Mrs. Charles (Rhoda) Moulton, Sarah, Mrs. Bert (Annie) Murch, Alfred, Lewis, Joseph, and Wesley Van, and two little girls who died of diphtheria and were buried in one grave. She died at Heber City on December 28, 1914.

Her father was a very good carpenter by trade, and her Grandfather Young was a well-to-do, old-time southerner, who employed Negroes. Her grandfather had many good servants.

John D. Lee and Alfred Young, her father's cousin, brought the gospel to the Young family. Her father and mother both joined the Church, each being the only one in their respective families to do so.

In the fall of that year, Martha's father's family moved to Nauvoo. They lived in the basement of John D. Lee's house. While living there they were awakened one morning about daybreak by Hyrum Woolev, calling from the floor above. He called to her mother, saying: "Oh, Rhoda, Rhoda, Joseph and Hyrum have been murdered." That day everyone was in tears. They lived in Nauvoo until the saints were driven out, then they went to Council Bluffs, Iowa. Before leaving for Utah they went back to Tennessee to see her grandmother and other relatives.

On March 13, 1852, they bade their relatives all goodbye. They then went to Nashville and took the ill-fated steamer "Saluda" and at Lexington, Missouri, it blew up. After standing still at Lexington all night, where it was being prepared to take a fresh start up the river to Kanesville, the captain was talking to the fireman and said: "I'll stem this current or blow her to ———". The wheel was turned a few times and there was a terrible explosion. The boat was blown all to pieces and about 150 persons were killed. The captain's body was blown away on the hillside. The boat was near enough to the bank to lay a plank thereto, but so many rushed on to it for safety that it broke and let some of them into the water, but they were soon rescued.

The Youngs were the only family to sur-

vive without a loss. Isaac Bullock of Provo was another one on the boat. He had some money in his pocket; after the explosion it was all at his feet.

Her father got them all together as soon as possible and, after counting them, he said, "Martha's gone." He rushed back onto the boat and found her in the hull, where she had fallen when the hatch door blew up. She was not hurt, only a bad bruise from being hit with the door.

They stayed at Lexington, Missouri, for six weeks. Their bedding and luggage were all wet and it required some time to repair the damage done to their belongings.

Father Young bought three yoke of cattle, three cows, a wagon, a tent and everything they needed for the trip to Utah. They were well fitted for comfort and had plenty to eat, as her mother with forethought had prepared well for this long journey.

After traveling for 10 weeks, the disease of cholera broke out in their camp. On the 2nd of July, Father Young was stricken. He lived five days and died, being buried without a coffin. Her mother had a nice bedspread she had made and wrapped his body in it, then a heavy linsy quilt. In this way he was laid in his grave.

After his burial they traveled that morning with heavy hearts. Their trip from then on was uneventful. They had no more sickness or death. They arrived in Salt Lake Valley on September 24, 1852.

All were thrilled with joy as they gazed on the beautiful valley, the mountains, the lake and the nest of houses called the city.

In 1855, Martha's mother's family moved to Provo. In 1857 she and her sister married John and Robert Duke. In 1860 they moved to Provo Valley, later called Heber. After leaving the fort, Martha and John took up land east of town. Later they gave a tract of this land to the town for a cemetery.

Martha lived in Heber the remainder of her life, passing away December 28, 1914.





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They became the parents of two boys and two girls, Alma Frederick, Freda Helen, Ruth and Ernest Walter. When Ernest Walter was but one and one-half years old, his mother fell from a load of hay while she

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He married Katherine Lugenbuhl May 13, 1901 in Faulensee. Their first child, Alice, was born Aug. 17, 1902. On June 3, 1903, he and his wife were baptized in the lake they loved so well, and were confirmed members of the LDS Church the same day by Alma A. Burgener. Soon they sold their home and belongings, and with their little daughter, left their beloved Alps and came to America. With him, were his father and five brothers John, Adolf, Alfred, Hulderick, and William. He and his wife and baby settled in Midway September 19, 1904.

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was helping with the harvest. Her back was broken and following a two week's illness she passed away September 19, 1911. The father kept his home and family together, acting as both father and mother to them. On February 17, 1914 he became a citizen of this wonderful country of his adoption.

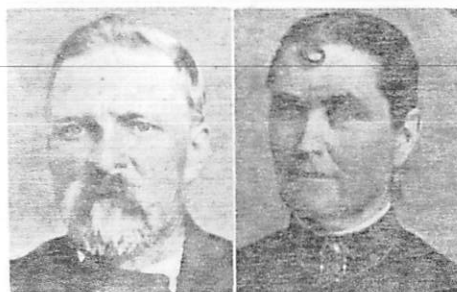
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He lived a good life, he taught his children the dignity of work, and the value of a job well done. As his children left home for other pursuits he turned much of his yard into flowers. His bouquets graced the pulpit of the ward house, and few persons ever came to visit without carrying away the bounties of the earth, whether vegetables, flowers, or other goodies.

In September, 1945, he suffered a heart attack, and passed away January 19, 1946.



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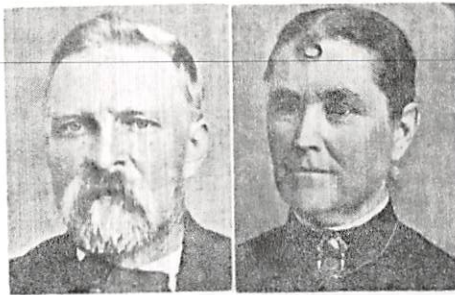
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